

Claims

[c1] 1. A system for enabling a user to manage resources through a virtual jobsite office for goods and services purchased for at least one designated location, comprising:
a gap analysis program for validating requested items against similar items valid for the designated location;
an estimator communicating with the gap analysis program for providing estimated costs of validated requested items;
a procurement function communicating with the gap analysis program for ordering validated requested items for the designated location;
a virtual jobsite office representing the designated location; and
a resource manager communicating with a virtual jobsite office, the estimator and the procurement function, for managing the use of the requested items as well as other resources as resource items at the designated location.

[c2] 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the resource manager establishes the virtual jobsite office by controlling access and security levels for resource items at the designated location.

[c3] 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the virtual jobsite office communicates with the resource manager over a network.

[c4] 4. A method for enabling a user to manage resources through a virtual jobsite office for goods and services purchased for at least one designated location, comprising the steps of:
validating requested items against similar items valid for the designated location using a gap analysis program;
providing estimated costs of validated requested items using an estimator communicating with the gap analysis program;
ordering validated requested items for the designated location using a procurement function communicating with the gap analysis program;
representing the designated location as a virtual jobsite office; and

managing the use of the requested items as well as other resources as resource items at the designated location using a resource manager communicating with the virtual jobsite office, the estimator and the procurement function.,

[c5] 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of managing further comprises the step of establishing the virtual jobsite office by controlling access and security levels for resource items at the designated location.

[c6] 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of establishing the virtual jobsite office further comprises the step of enabling it to communicate with the resource manager over a network.